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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

- 1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently Amended) The reversible cap of claim 4 ~~+~~ wherein the first and second layers are of a first material and the brim is of a different, second material.
3. (Currently Amended) The reversible cap of claim 4 ~~+~~ wherein one of the first and second layers is of a first material, and the brim is of a different, second material.
4. (Currently Amended) ~~The reversible cap of claim 4~~ A reversible cap, comprising:
- a) a crown having a first layer, a second layer and a domed shape that enables a user to wear and conform the crown to the user's head, wherein either layer can be shaped into a concavity that abuts the user's head during use and wherein the other layer defines an outer exposed surface;
 - b) a bill of a floating foam material that has a first curved edge that is stitched to the crown in between the first and second layers, the bill having a second curved edge defining a front of the cap;
 - c) an adjustment cord that extends through an opening in at least one of the layers at a position opposite the bill, the cord having end portions that are attached to the crown at two positions generally on opposite sides of the cord opening;
 - d) a sleeve that adjustably, slidably attaches to the cord to form an adjustable loop with the cord;
 - e) wherein a user can adjust the fit of the hat to his or her head by moving the cord relative to the sleeve so that the loop is enlarged or reduced in size, the cap fits the wear when either the first or second layer is the outer exposed surface; and

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f) wherein the cord end portions are attached to the hat with stitching.

5. (Currently Amended) The reversible cap of claim 4 † wherein the cord opening is a slotted opening.

6. (Currently Amended) The reversible cap of claim 4 † wherein the cord opening is bordered by stitching.

7. (Original) The reversible cap of claim 4 wherein the cord end portions are attached to the hat with stitching that joins the cord end portions to both the first and the second layer of the crown.

8. (Currently Amended) The reversible cap of claim 4 † wherein the first and second layers are of a material that absorbs water and will not float once it is wetted and the bill is of a buoyant material.

9. (Original) The reversible cap of claim 8 wherein the bill is sufficiently buoyant to float the entire cap apparatus.